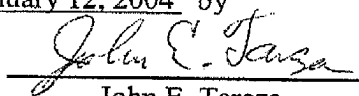


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Sir:

In response to the Official communication mailed December 12, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a one-month period for response, this response is timely. Please amend as follows.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.